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25X1 1. Maj. Gen. Franjo Pirc has been succeeded as Commander in Chief of the Yugoslav Air Force by Maj. Gen. Ulepich. General Pirc has reached the retirement age.

2. The Yugoslav Air Force is composed of four Air Armies, each of which consists of three air divisions. The First Air Army, located at Zemun, has two squadrons of transport planes which are also being used for postal service. The planes of these squadrons are either American Douglas or Russian L-52's which are similar to the Douglas. The First Air Army has only one squadron of single motor YAK-2 fighter planes. The Second Air Army is located at Zagreb. The Third Air Army with Hqs. at Mostar is equipped with Russian YAK-5 fighters. The Fourth Air Army is located at Ljubljana.

3. The strongest bomber division is deployed at Sember (Comment: Probably the 4th Air Division), and is equipped with 70 bi-motor bombers of the Russian Petlek type. The commander of the division is Lt. Col. Zanke, a native of Ljubljana. Zanke, aged 40-45, was an officer of the former Yugoslav Air Force and speaks Italian, German and English fluently. The school for radio operators, who are being trained on Petlek planes, is also located at Sember.

4. An important school for pilots and specialists is located at Kancovo. This school is classified as an air academy and graduated pupils become regular air force officers. Among the instructors there are numerous Russian officers. The Russian language is a compulsory subject. About 60 Albanian officers, former Partisans, are being trained as pilots. Approximately 2,000 pupils were enrolled at the Kancovo school in the fall.

5. At Novi Sad there is a school for NCO's of the various specialties. For practical training the pupils are sent to Sember.

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